STATE SOCIETIES HOLD BIG REUNION

Organizations Rival in Hospitality at Picnic to N. E. A. at Washington Park.

BOOTHS ARE ATTRACTIVE

Fascinating Hostesses Dispense Joy and Good Things to Eat—Children in Pleasing Costumes Aid in Programme.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

Seems to me that the other states besides Oregon must be just about managing to get by, and that's all, with the best portion of their best people living right here among our native sons and daughters. Why, there's enough fine folk from Indiana alone out this way to start a new state. I promised to start with Indiana this accounting of the grand get-together meeting of the state societies yesterday at the City Park.

My promise was wrung from me by a committee of Hoosiers who were holding their annual picnic at Washington Park in conjunction with the reception tendered the N. E. A. by all the state societies. The aforementioned committee waited upon me and placed in my lap a pasteboard plate heaped high with golden fried chicken, "lemming pie" and plenty of homemade bread.

When the Hoosier committee did all this, and stopped casually to mention that I was to make myself right to home, and that "maw" had a hunk of angel cake for me when I had gotten outside the above listed, and that if I didn't have any particular society to start off with—why, old Indiana, etc.

Hospitality Is Pleasing.

I feel—gladly. I feel for the food and the hospitable spirit and "maw" in her white apron, afraid I wasn't getting enough to eat. Before the Indiana Society got hold of me and bought me soul and body I had intended to begin with the Iowa Society, where I ran into a dozen affable folk who "usta know my paw and maw, and went to school with my paw's sister Eliza, who married one of the Cohagan boys, etc."

I might have been persuaded to start off with the Missouri Society, for I ran into a bunch of natives who "usta go to school with me" and wanted me to be sure and put in the accounting that the great joy of their day was that I could easily have been lured to give the Missouri Society first mention if I hadn't run smack dab into a hoydenish girl of 60-odd who insisted she "usta go" to the old Kirksville Normal with me.

In truth if only they had known it any hostess standing smilingly behind her state table, ladling alike hospitality and loganberry juice, could have had first place. Each deserves it. Geography is not my strong suit, but I believe every state in the whole collection had a booth and a group of its lovellest representatives, all dolled in lingerie things and picture hats and smiles.

Each society selected its own location, and, while the prescribed rules of the game were followed more or less closely in placing them in a sort of reception line, so you could shake hands with Michigan and bow to a neighbor in Kansas, there were a few souls who braved the forests and established camps of hospitality far off the beaten trail of the reception line. The Hawaiian booth was one of these, a colorful spot, tucked in a clump of pines, where sweet music from ukuleles and voices of young girls in song rivaled the birds' call and the murmur of the winds among the trees.

Hawaiian Society Doesn't Exist.

There isn't any Hawaiian Society, really, you must know, but a group of travelers, who love the island, acted as hostesses, and bade "aloha" to N. E. A. guests who knew of the wonder place.

Some tables kept tab on the N. E. A. folk from their own home state, some had a system of registration, others passed the news of home folk arrival around by word of mouth. They called it the "Nation's grand reunion" and it was truly that, a general get-together social of all the local state organizations to act as host to the visiting teachers of the N. E. A. The teachers came, too, in droves and dozens called on their home state booth, had a drink of loganberry juice and wished to heaven the Indiana society had held its fried-chicken, lemming-pie orgy in Hongkong.

Unless, of course, the N. E. A. was a Hoosier. In which case he or she and friends were called right into the fold. Up on the hill the big Municipal Band, under direction of Percy A. Campbell, played melody airs all through the afternoon, and a dense crowd sat about the stand. Mrs. Fred Olsen sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" with a wealth of sincerity and a flow of golden notes that brought wildest applause. In another part of the park a group of beautifully trained little folk of the playground, under direction of Miss Fay Armstrong and Dean Hunter, presented a fascinating pageant in pantomime of classic Grecian dance.

The children wore fanciful and character costumes and entered into the mood of the pageant, "Ceres and Persephone," with joyous purpose.

In actual count there were 20 organized state societies present with representatives presiding at booths, and in addition there was the Daughters of the Confederacy, representing the South, and the Canadian Society. The latter's booth was besprinkled with the colorful maple leaf and the American, Canadian and British flags flew bravely.

The hostesses were Mrs. Gus C. Moser, Mrs. Charles Bennett, Mrs. T. W. Kirby and Mrs. Henry Kirk. The table where reigned the Daughters of the Confederacy was beautiful in its color scheme of patriotic hues, splashed with the soft white cotton bolls of the Southlands. Here a group of women of the chapter grave roses and other flowers and served punch. The hostesses included Mrs. S. C. Morton, Mrs. V. D. Maxon, Mrs. F. Joplin, Mrs. E. T. Hedlund, Mrs. L. R. Bailey, Mrs. Anton Giebisch, Mrs. H. S. Hammond, Mrs. A. M. Lee and Mrs. H. H. Duff. At the Hawaiian table presided Mrs. H. R. Burke, Mrs. G. H. Lamberson, Mrs. George Guild, Misses Lambertson, Armistead, Ogilvie and Hutchins. A group of pretty girls, including Vivian De Lory, Elvera Anderson, Marie Simpson, Mildred Green Bennett, Kathryn Bowe, Dorothy Anderson, Ruth Crittenden and Virginia Owens, played the ukulele and sung merry airs.

Roses Cover Montana Table.

The Montana table, ablaze with roses and college colors, was presided over by Mrs. A. C. Holmes, Mrs. J. G. Hammer, Mrs. George L. Parker and Mrs. T. A. John. Kansas was a symphony in gold, its sunflower idea being carried out further by the appearance of two little lads, Merrill and Philip Joss, in blackface, with huge sunflower petals encircling each smiling face. This table was novel and original in its treatment, and was presided over by Mrs. R. J. Brock, Mrs. W. W. Crittenden, Mrs. D. C. Joss, Mrs. H. G. Horton and Mrs. M. K. Darnall.

Utah, a little table in Brigham Young University colors, as well as those of its agricultural college, had as its hostesses Mrs. J. A. Sanborn, Mrs. M. J. Ballard, Miss Holling, Miss Elsa Holling, Marjorie Derr Shepherd, Catherine Sharkey and Emma Calder.

The blue and gold of Michigan's university gleamed in its table decoration where Mrs. M. Gibbs, Mrs. T. P. Fahey and Miss Alberta Smedley presided. At the Wisconsin booth the red, white and blue predominated in the decorations, with a charming array of hostesses in Mrs. Earl Else, Mrs. B. E. Mauro, Mrs. B. A. Lake,, Mrs. Charles F. Carey, Mrs. E. J. Kulin, Mrs. F. J. West, Mrs. J. C. Neill, Mrs. D. Miller, Mrs. O. Winchester and M. W. Waite.

The Iowa booth had its colors of white and yellow agleam in the decorations, with quantities of flowers. The receiving group consisted of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rinehart, Captain and Mrs. A. J. Crossley, W. A. Herman, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lisle, Mrs. M. A. Douglass, Miss L. Phillips and H. C. Anderson. The Iowans, by the way, will hold their annual picnic next Saturday at the Oaks. The Minnesotans will hold theirs on July 17 at the Oaks. The Minnesotans' table was a dream of maroon and gold, with masses of sweet peas used. The hostesses were: Mrs. I. Peart, Mrs. George Seed, Mrs. L. Olsen and Mrs. T. J. Baldwin.

Missouri Hostesses Attractive.

Missouri did herself proud with a group of attractive hostesses, a gorgeous table of ferns and soft mosses, and as a sidelight an ornery mule bearing a small darky and a basket, and which paraded about the grounds all the afternoon.

The hostesses of the Missouri booth were: Mrs. J. R. Thiehoff, Mrs. J. R. Morgan, Mrs. H. R. Lowe, Mrs. H. N. Lacy and Mrs. Middleton.

Nevada in sagebrush and nasturtiums had as its hostesses Mrs. Paul Reyser, Mrs. C. D. Jameson, Mrs. Leland John Sparks, Mrs. John G. Collins and Mrs. J. V. Ohmart.

A gorgeous table, marked by exquisite taste in color and flower grouping, was that of California, in a sheltered nook, with hostesses in Mrs. Otto S. Binswanger, Mrs. H. A. Sargent, Mrs. F. H. Rothchild, Mrs. I. Koshland, Mrs. Forrest Fisher, Mrs. E. Sichel, Mrs. Ben Selling, Mrs. H. Holman, Mrs. J. R. Holman, Mrs. Julius Lippett, Mrs. McHollister.

Pennsylvania's booth, ablaze with flowers and pennants had as its hostesses Mrs. E. H. Russell (chairman), Mrs. W. W. Dugan, Miss Vivian Mickle, Mrs. Charles F. Fisher.

Illinois sponsored a beautiful big table, colorful in blue and yellow, and artistic, with hostesses in Mrs. I. M. Allhands, Miss Emma Kirkpatrick, Miss Dorothy Wallace, Miss Hallie Bell, Mrs. W. A. Dickson and Wilber Henderson.

Nebraska was flower-bedecked and had as its hostesses Mrs. J. W. Duncan, chairman; Mrs. L. J. Brattie, Mrs. A. P. Wolcott, Miss Alice Hughes.

Wyoming was marigold-crowned under a big umbrella, and the hostesses were: Mrs. N. G. Pike, chairman; Mrs. L. H. Pederson, Mrs. M. T. Alsop, Mrs. L. C. Phillips, Mrs. L. N. Burns.

A Northwestern corner of hospitality was that where presided hostesses from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, at flower-crowned tables. The hostesses were: Mrs. A. H. Averill, chairman; Mrs. D. A. Grant, Mrs. Charles Rice, Mrs. E. J. Hadley, Mrs. J. H. Bristow, Mrs. O. M. Plummer.

The New England Society had as its hostesses Mrs. Josephine Cox, chairman; Mrs. Albert Stanton, Mrs. Fay Eastman, and Mrs. Perry M. Baker.

Which brings us back to the Indiana Society, where the reception committee was composed of Mrs. Clara B. French, chairman; L. M. Lepper and C. L. Weaver.

Following the reception from 2 to 7 P. M. the organizations folded their tents like good Arabs and silently stole away, all but the Indiana Society, which had its festive picnic, with speeches and toasts from big, prominent folk from back in Indiana, and a regly old-fashioned good time. Yes, it was a huge success all around.

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Insurance Company Alleges Taxes on Property Have Not Been Paid and Wants Receiver Named.

Mrs. Margaret Ainsworth, Lawrence S. Ainsworth and Mabel Ainsworth Mays are defendants in an $85,000 suit filed in the Circuit Court yesterday by the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company. Suit is brought under a promissory note for $85,000, dated May 1, 1911, at Los Angeles, and signed by the three defendants.

The plaintiff asks for the appointment of a receiver to collect all rentals from the Oregon Hotel Company, lessees of the property owned by the defendants, and covered in the mortgage given to secure payment of the note.

The property involved in the mortgage and suit is the Oregon Annex, and the Oregon Hotel Company is made a defendant in the action only because it has this property under lease from the defendants.

It is shown that interest had been paid at regular intervals up to May 1 last, but no part of the principal has yet been paid. It is further alleged that the defendants failed to pay the 1916 taxes on the property and the plaintiff company was compelled to pay these taxes in order to protect its interest.

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—$12.75 Navajo Rugs at **$9.90**
—$14.00 Navajo Rugs at **$11.25**
—$15.75 Navajo Rugs at **$12.40**
—$17.50 Navajo Rugs at **$14.50**
—$19.00 Navajo Rugs at **$16.75**
—$20.00 Navajo Rugs at **$17.50**

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TIMBER DEAL IS BIG

Eccles Interests Buy 27,323 Acres From John Dubois.

$4,000,000 IS PRICE PAID

Holding Company Is Organized by New Owners—Plans for Operating Made—Logging Road to Cost $1,500,000.

Oregon's largest timber land deal of recent years came to a final termination yesterday, when deeds were passed transferring title to 27,323.50 acres in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties from the Dubois Lumber Company, headed by John Dubois, of Pennsylvania, to the Oregon-American Lumber Company, a new corporation headed by David C. Eccles, of Utah.

The big sale was initiated by an option entered into more than six months ago. Both Mr. Dubois and Mr. Eccles came to Portland last week to sign the final papers.

Just how the timber will be transported to market has not yet been determined by Mr. Eccles and Charles T. Early, manager, and Rey B. Early, sales agent, who have charge of the company's office headquarters in Portland.

"For the reason that we have not known for certain that the timber was to become our property we have been unable to negotiate definitely in the logging road matter, but we know what we want and what we are willing to pay for the proposed road," said Mr. Eccles yesterday.

"If we can get in right away we will certainly do so, for we bought the property to operate and not to hold for speculation. Thus far we have not given serious thought to a mill because the logging road must come first. And, for that matter, our proposition is far too big for any one mill, and mills are hard to get just now. Our plan will be to operate on a logging basis, selling our logs to various mills.

"The scarcity of labor is one of the serious problems which we now face, but we are determined to get a railroad into our property from some section and as soon as possible. Thus far we have estimated $1,500,000 as the probable cost of the road. Steel is hard to get at this time, but we already have on hand a sufficient quantity to build our road and are not worrying on that score."

The big tract acquired yesterday by the Oregon-American Lumber Company is conceded by timbermen to be one of the finest timber propositions in the entire Northwest. The cruisings made by the Dubois Company in advance of the deal indicate a stand of approximately 2,500,000,000 feet. Eighty-five per cent of this amount is yellow fir, the balance being spruce, hemlock and cedar.

The deal has been referred to since its inception as a $4,000,000 proposition, but the principals in the transaction refused to state yesterday the precise amount of money which changed hands. It is understood generally among lumbermen that the value of the holdings has increased nearly $1,000,000 since the taking of the option six months ago.

Under the corporate name, the Oregon Lumber Company, the Eccles interests already operate two bigs mills in Oregon, one at Dee, near Hood River, and the other near Baker. A small mill at Beaver Creek Falls, along the Lower Columbia River Highway, will finish its work this year and suspend operations.

MURDER CHARGE DROPPED

Indictment Against Emil Spranger Is Dismissed.

Emil Spranger was freed of the charge of murdering Henry Meister when Circuit Judge Phelps, sitting for Presiding Judge Kavanaugh, yesterday granted the motion of Chief Deputy District Attorney Collier that the indictment charging second degree murder be dismissed. Mr. Collier made a short statement to the court in which he said his investigations had convinced him that Spranger shot in self-defense. The widow likewise filed an affidavit asking for the dismissal of the indictment, as did her daughter.

Meister was shot and killed by Spranger, March 4 last, at the Auditorium Apartments.

Campmeeting to Open.

The Oregon Holiness Association campmeeting will open tonight at 7:30 o'clock on the grounds at East Thirty-third and East Mason streets, where more than 150 tents have been pitched. The camp site is at the end of the Broadway carline, on the East Side. The meeting will continue until July 23 and among the speakers will be Rev. Joseph H. Smith, of California; Rev. C. H. Babcock, of Pasadena, Cal., and Rev. Cecil Troxel.

MEN IN PRIME WANTED

MATURED PERSONS SHOULD NOT EVADE ARMY, SAYS SPEAKER.

Ad Club Adopts Field Hospital Unit About to Go to France as Special Protege at Front.

The Portland Ad Club decided yesterday to adopt the Field Hospital Unit organized by Lieutenant J. Guy Strohm, which is to go into training for the front at once.

An address by W. D. Whitcomb, former president of the Ad Club, just returned from the officers' training camp in California and associated with the hospital corps with rank of sergeant, was a feature at the luncheon at the Benson Hotel yesterday that stirred enthusiasm and it was his suggestion that made the Ad Club decide to ask the privilege of adopting the hospital unit as its special protege at the front.

Mr. Whitcomb spoke vigorously against mature men declining to enlist and leaving "the younger men to fight the war."

Charles R. Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin, was the guest of honor and speaker of the day. He discussed food conservation as a war measure.

Frank McCrillis gave the report of the on-to-Oakland committee, which will leave for the National convention July 21.

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